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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FRG POSITION ON BERLIN HANDED
HARTMAN BY VON WELL IN BONN ON SUNDAY. PARIS AND
LONDON SHOULD NOT DISCUSS UNTIL REPORT AND INSTRUCTIONS
FOLLOW ON MOSCOW TALKS.

BEGIN TEXT. IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE GERMAN SIDE
TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL AGENCIES IN BERLIN WITHOUT PRIOR
POLITICAL CONSULTATION WITH THE WESTERN POWERS.

IF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS DECLARE IN ANY GIVEN
CASE THAT WHILE IT WAS LEGALLY POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH
SUCH AN AGENCY IT WAS POLITICALLY NOT ADVISABLE TO DO SO,
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL REFRAIN FROM ITS ESTABLISHMENT.
THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT CAN REST ASSURED. THE FEDERAL
ENVIRONMENT AGENCY IS NOT A FIRST STEP OF ANY
DELIBERATE POLITICAL ACTION ON THE PART OF THE FEDERAL
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GOVERNMENT AIMED AT UNDULY EXTENDING THE FEDERAL PRESENCE

IN BERLIN. THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE SOVIET UNION IN THIS RESPECT IS UNFOUNDED.

THIS WILL NOT BE A MATTER OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES. THE US GOVERNMENT WILL EXERT ITS INFLUENCE VIS-A-VIS THE GERMAN SIDE THROUGH THE EXISTING CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL PURSUE ONLY SUCH PROJECTS WITH REGARD TO BERLIN THAT WILL BE POLITICALLY SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES AS WELL.

WE, TOO, ARE NOT UNAWARE OF THE FACT THAT IN AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE THE VIABILITY OF THE CITY CERTAIN PROJECTS CONCERNING FEDERAL AGENCIES ARE BEING DISCUSSED BY VARIOUS QUARTERS IN BERLIN. THIS IS SOMETHING NORMAL IN POLITICAL LIFE. IN THESE MATTERS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE GERMAN SIDE RESTS, HOWEVER, WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH ON ITS PART WILL NOT ACT WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE THREE POWERS. END TEXT.
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